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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Tomio Amano  
Serial No. : 09/965,772 Examiner : Unassigned  
Filed : September 27, 2001 Art Unit : 2641  
For : APPLICATION DATA ERROR CORRECTION  
SUPPORT

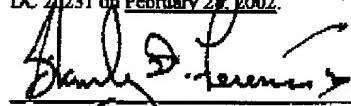
February 28, 2002

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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February 28, 2002  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

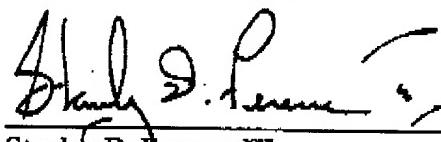
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-- Fig. 1 is a diagram showing an example target data replacement for this embodiment. In this example, a half sized blank is replaced by <ec:sp/>, a full sized blank is replaced by <ec:sp2/> or <ec:ch utf="x0030"></ec:ch>, and "- (minus)", "— (prolonged sound)", " 力 (Chinese character, or kanji)" and " 力 (katakana)" are replaced by predetermined character codes.--

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment corrects a typographical error in connection with one of the foreign language characters appearing in the second sentence of this paragraph. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. The correct foreign language character appears in Fig. 1. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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**MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS**

The paragraph beginning on Page 17, Line 15, has been amended as follows:

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